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SRI G. KRISHNAMURTHI :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government are aware of the fact that especially in the case of Hindi Pandits where they have only two periods a week per class this works a great hardship and no Pandit is able to get the first-grade salary? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" That is why we considered the matter. Otherwise, we would never have considered it at all."

DR. S. MUTHULAKSHMI REDDI :—" Though the Government have stated that both B.T. and the Pandit's grades are the same, is there any discrimination made in the salary actually paid to them? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" A separate question may be put, Sir."

Free educational concessions to the children of the Vannar Community.

* 16 Q.—SRI M. ETHIRAJULU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received a copy of any resolutions passed at the conference of Vannar Community requesting the grant of free educational concessions to their children; and

(b) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to grant full fee concession to children belonging to Vannar Community?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) & (b) The Government have issued instructions authorizing the grant of full fee concessions to the children and dependants of members belonging to the barber, fisherman, dhobi and potter communities subject to certain conditions. Copies[a] of the orders are laid on the table of the House."

SRI M. ETHIRAJULU :—" Sir, in view of the fact that the concessions are restricted only to those who reside in rural areas and those who practise their hereditary occupation and as such the concession has become virtually of no use to this class of people, may I request the Hon. Minister to extend the concessions to Municipal areas also? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, the matter has been fully considered and we have extended the concessions only to rural areas. I do not think it is necessary for the urban areas. As a matter of fact, their conditions are much better than many of the other classes of people."

SRI M. ETHIRAJULU :—" In view of the fact that the practice of hereditary profession has been made the condition

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 73–75 infra.

for the receipt of the scholarship, may I request the Hon. Minister whether it is the intention of the Government that a washerman should live only as a washerman throughout his life?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No, Sir."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, this deals with elementary education and elementary education should not be looked upon as an education for a particular profession, namely, Government service."

SRI M. ETHIRAJULU :—" May I invite the attention of the Hon. Minister in this connection to the fact that this community has been classified as Scheduled class in almost all northern States and as this classification unfortunately has not been followed in this State, may I request the Government that as a special case this community may be given the privilege to get free scholarship as Harijans?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" We do not want to downgrade any particular community. Our attempt should be to upgrade communities."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" May I know whether these people applied for inclusion of their community in the list of Scheduled classes?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, it is not easy to say whether a community has applied or not. Certain members belonging to the community tempted by the fact that certain special privileges are available for particular classified communities have asked to be classified as Scheduled class people. But it is very wrong in principle for the sake of a few concessions to ask for something which will lead to a considerable difference in status."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Sir, with regard to the answer given to the main question, may I know, Sir, whether the income foregone by the local bodies and aided institutions by the grant of these concessions has been made good by the Government?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Yes, Sir. When we issue instructions, it will be made good to the local bodies."

Representation from the Udumalpet Salavaiyalars' Sangham.

* 17 *Q.*—SRI M. ETHIRAJULU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Registration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation from the Udumalpet Salavaiyalars' Sangham ; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI K. VENKATASWAMI NAIDU :—" (*a*) A representation, dated 17th July 1952, has been received by the Government from the Udumalpet Salvaiyalars' Sangham;